

UNIVERSITY PLANS HUGE CELEBRATION

American Cardinals Will Attend Silver Jubilee of Brookland Catholic Institution.

STARTED ITS CAREER
QUARTER CENTURY AGO

Growth Has Been Rapid—Elaborate Exercises Will Begin April 15.

Honored by the presence of the three American cardinals, of practically the entire hierarchy of the Catholic Church in the United States and of thousands of alumni from all parts of the country, the Catholic University of America is to celebrate Thursday, April 15, the silver jubilee of its existence. This institution in Brookland, which opened its doors twenty-five years ago, is unique among the institutions of the country in that it is supported and maintained by no one religious body of the Catholic Church, but by the entire Catholic Church of the United States. Its growth during the last quarter of a century is equally distinctive. Twenty-five years is reckoned as little time in the life of a great university. The entire existence of the Catholic University is but twenty-five years, and it is to celebrate its rapid growth that the silver jubilee exercises have been planned.

Exercises Start April 15.

The exercises will start the morning of April 15 with a pontifical high mass in St. Patrick's Church at 10 o'clock. Here the three American cardinals for the first time will unite in a great religious service in this country. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, chancellor of the university, will preach the sermon. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston will deliver the opening discourse at the academic exercises in the afternoon. The church exercises are held in St. Patrick's Church because there is no religious edifice on the university grounds of sufficient capacity to accommodate the attendance that is expected.

Will Build National Shrine.

The Catholic women of the country, however, have organized what is known as the Salve Regina Society, which is to build a national shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the university grounds. A model for this shrine is now on exhibition at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The academic exercises of the silver jubilee celebration are to be held in the New National Theatre at 8 p.m. Cardinal Gibbons is to preside. Honorary degrees are to be conferred on a number of prominent Catholic laymen. Dr. G. Stanley Hall of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., is to deliver an address as representative of the Association of American Universities. Very Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame University, will speak for the Catholic institutions of higher education.

Alumni to Hold Banquet.

The alumni reunion and banquet will be held in the evening in the new dining hall of the university, and during the following two days the university buildings will be thrown open for inspection, delegates from other institutions of learning will be welcomed and all friends and visitors will be conducted about the various departments of the institution.

Invitations have been issued to the entire hierarchy of the United States, to many distinguished clergymen, to the faculties of all other colleges and universities in the country, to the entire body of the alumni and to benefactors and friends of the university. Responses already received insure a very large attendance at all the jubilee exercises.

While the celebration is to be held April 15, the exact date of the opening of the institution was November 12, 1880.

How contrasted figures show the growth of the university. Four professors and thirty-seven theological students began its academic career. Today the teaching staff numbers eighty, both laymen and clergy, and in all the varied branches of its activities the university gives instruction to more than 1,300 students.

Growth in Buildings.

Twenty-five years ago there was but one university building, Divinity Hall; today there are seven university buildings and eight edifices of religious communities that have clustered about the original Divinity Hall. Some of the newer buildings, such as McMahon Hall, Gibbons Memorial Hall, Graduate Hall and the Martin Maloney Chemical Laboratory, are among the finest school buildings in the country.

The novitiates of religious communities that form part of the university plant are the Dominicans, Franciscans, Paulists, Marists, Sulpicians, the Holy Cross Fathers and the Apostolic Mission House.

The university site in Brookland covers eighty-nine acres, adjacent to the National Soldiers' Home. It is paralleled on its entire length by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

RETAILERS' BOARD TO MEET.

Governors of Association Will Consider a Number of Matters.

A number of matters of importance to merchants of Washington are to be considered at a meeting of the board of governors of the Retail Merchants' Association, scheduled to be held Thursday night. The decision of Justice McJoy of the Supreme Court of the District, in sustaining the legality of the eight-hour law affecting woman employees in the District, will be discussed.

The advertisers' section of the association is to hold a meeting Tuesday evening. A round-table for the credit men of Washington will be inaugurated at Friday evening. Also, at a meeting of the credit men's section of the association, of which Alfred Mayer is chairman.

Art Explorer to Lecture.

The Washington Society of the Archaeological Institute of America has announced a lecture on "Phoenician and Roman Art Treasures of Tunisia," by the explorer, Frank Edward Johnson, F. R. G. S., in the auditorium of the National Museum, 10th and B streets, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The members of the society and their friends are invited to the special view of the collection of portraits from the National Association of Portrait Painters in the National Gallery of Art, on the floor above, at the close of the lecture. Admission is by card.

Lecture on "Slave Insurrections."

"Slave Insurrections" is to be the subject of a lecture by President J. W. Cromwell of Cromwell Institute before the Historical Club of Howard University, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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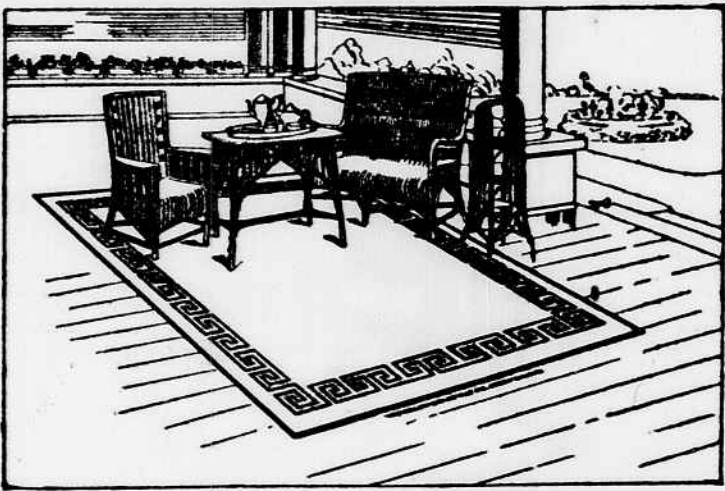
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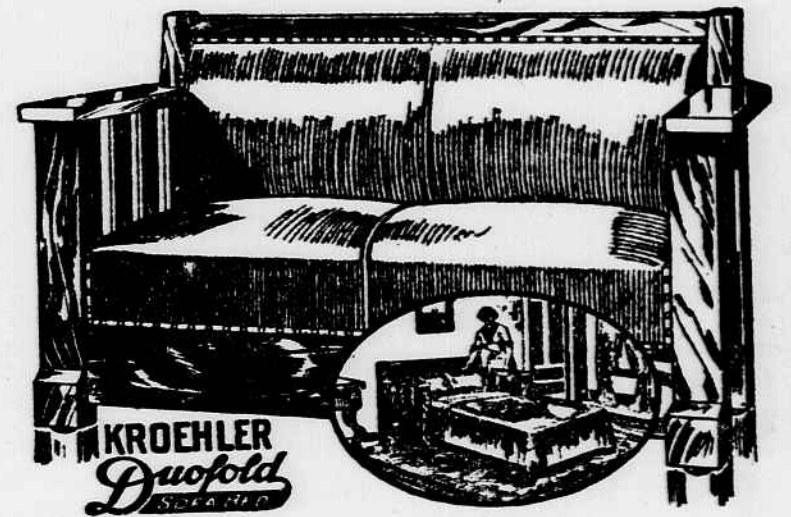
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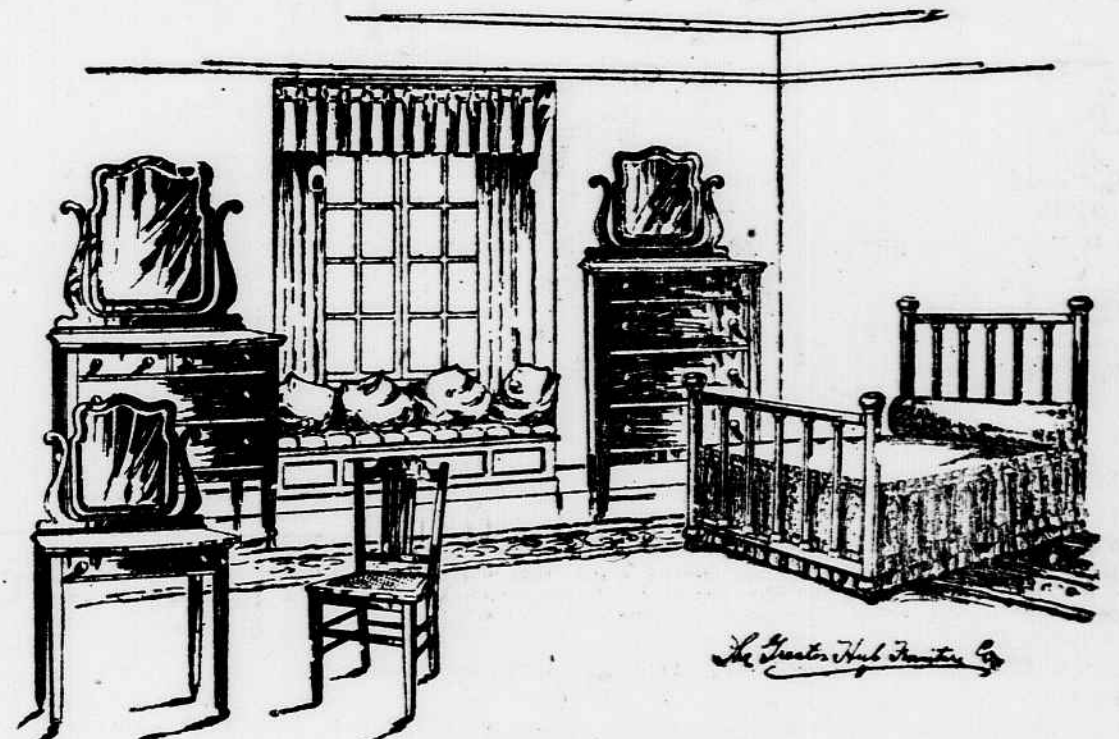
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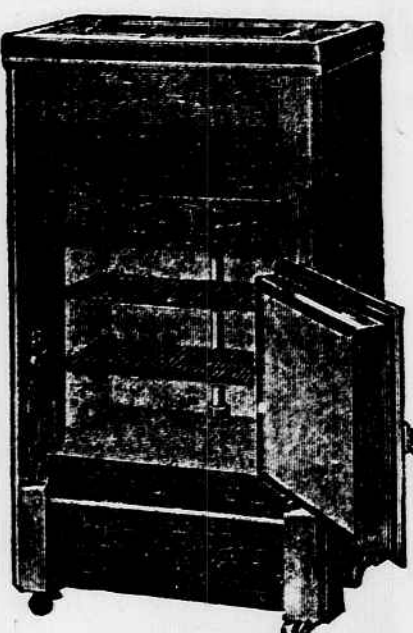
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